

January 24, 2005

Marysville City Council  
7:00 p.m.

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City Hall

<b>Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	
<b>Approve of Minutes</b>	
Approval of January 10, 2005 City Council Meeting Minutes.	Approved
Approval of January 18, 2005 City Council Work Session Minutes.	Approved
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	
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<b>Review Bids</b>	
<b>Public Hearings</b>	
<b>Current Business</b>	
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Ordinances and Resolutions</b>	
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending MMC 2.50.040 and MMC 2.50.050 Relating to the Compensation of the Mayor and Council Members.	Approved Ord. No. 2559
An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Affirming the Decision of The Hearing Examiner and Rezoning Properties Owned by Peter Hegge Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City.	Approved Ord. No. 2560

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Resolution of the City of Marysville in Support of Improvements at the 116th Street NE / I-5 Interchange.	Approved Res. No. 2132
<b>Information Items</b>	
<b>Mayor's Business</b>	
Authorize the Mayor to Forward a Letter of Support for the Reauthorization of the TEA bill.	Approved
<b>Call on Councilmembers</b>	
Approve Reimbursement of Travel Expenses for Councilmember Wright to attend NLC in Washington D.C. in March.	Approved
<b>Executive Session</b>	None
<b>Adjournment</b>	8:10 P.M.

**MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

January 24, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Marysville City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the January 24, 2005 meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Steve Hill from the First Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Kendall then led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following staff and council members were noted as being present.

**Mayor** Dennis Kendall

**Council:** Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring, Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares, Jeff Vaughan and Donna Wright.

**Staff:** Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Cheryl Beyer, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Robert Carden, Police Chief; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Larry Larson, Public Works Superintendent; Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Lee Phillips reported that the **Finance Committee** has been discussing a policy for the reserve fund balance, which should be coming to Council in late February.

Councilmember John Soriano reported that the **LEOFF I Board** reviewed and approved two claims. The **Governmental Affairs Committee** met on January 11 and discussed: court services, reasons why judges may not support contracted services for courts; Arlington Airport; BRAC process; and art installation.

Jeff Seibert discussed the January 12 meeting of the **Snohomish County Solid Waste Advisory Committee**. Some of the discussion included: no tip increase for the County Council budget; Product Stewardship Award received; earlier hours for the Southwest Transfer Station; record tonnage in 2004; and a waste recovery ordinance.

Councilmember Jon Nehring discussed the **Facilities Committee** meeting. He reviewed some of the new facilities that will be completed soon:

- Strawberry Fields – March
- Comeford Park – Still awaiting the NEPA permit.
- Jennings Park – Will be tearing down the old wood structure next week.
- Kiwanis Park – Ribbon cutting on April 14.
- Ebey Waterfront Park – Getting closer to permit.

There was also discussion regarding an off-leash dog park and hanging baskets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street this summer.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Employee Service Awards.

#### Miles DeRushe, Custody Officer, 15 Years.

Sgt. Hall reviewed Officer DeRushe's history with the City. They have worked together for ten years and Sgt. Hall considers Officer DeRushe an outstanding co-worker and a very true friend. He was hired in 1989 as a custody officer and completed the academy in 1990. He has worked every position in the jail and filled in as acting sergeant when needed. In 1991 he almost single-handedly developed the Jail Management Reporting System, which has been in use for 14 years. Officer DeRushe was awarded Officer of the Year in 1991. In 2001, he received the Chief's Meritorious Award for cutting jail costs by using prison industries for prison food. This resulted in a decrease in the food budget by \$4000 per year. In 2003 he again received the Chief's Meritorious Award for the excellent efforts of the custody staff during CY2003. He recently developed a system to track the collection of booking fees.

Officer DeRushe was born and raised in Seattle, attending Lincoln High School. He was in the US Coast Guard during Vietnam and then attended Life Bible College. He is married to Terry and has two daughters, Allison and Rochelle. Sgt. Hall reiterated that it has been a pleasure to work with Officer DeRushe.

#### Kyle Anderson, Lead Worker I – Utilities Vector – 15 Years.

Public Works Superintendent Larry Larson reviewed some of Mr. Anderson's history. He grew up in Edmonds and attended Mariner High School. After graduating in 1975 he attended Skagit Valley Community College. He subsequently worked for a homebuilder in Mt. Vernon and was a truck driver in Alaska. He began with the City in a temporary position with the Parks Department. In 1989, he was hired as a full-time employee as a Public Works solid waste collector. In 1991, he moved to the Streets Division. In 1992, he began with the Vector crew and was instrumental in flushing 120 miles of sanitary sewer. In 2000, he became Lead Worker of the Vector crew. He has completed

the third time through the sanitary sewer system, which now contains over 140 miles. Mr. Anderson is married to Debbie and has two children, Brittney and Shawna. He enjoys camping to warm areas and trail riding.

### **Employee of the Month Award.**

#### ***Co-Employees of the Month – January 2005:***

**Larry Larson, Public Works Superintendent and Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer.**

Mayor Kendall announced that these two employees have led the Public Works department for almost a year. They have been instrumental in supervising many projects without a Director. Some of the projects they worked on included: the utility rate study, utility capital fee increases, conversion to automated recycling and sanitation, budget process, and the NASCAR race track proposal, as well as the additional duties of the Fleet and Facilities Manager since October.

Larry Larson has worked for the City for 13 years. He has an extensive knowledge of public works. He and his wife Pam live in Bothell and have three children. He has been very involved in softball and Special Olympics.

Kevin Nielsen has been with the City since June of 2001. He is appreciated for his sense of humor, intensity and professionalism. He lives in Mill Creek with his fiancé and two daughters. He and his family enjoy many outdoor recreational activities.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Kendall solicited audience participation on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

#### **A. January 10, 2004 City Council Meeting.**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert; seconded by Councilmember Nehring to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

#### **B. January 18, 2005 City Council Work Session.**

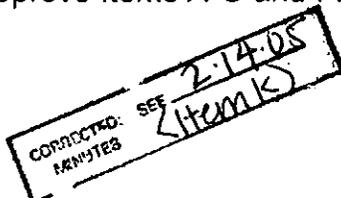
**Motion** made by Councilmember Vares; seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**CONSENT**

Mayor Kendall asked the audience if anyone wished to discuss any of the items on the consent agenda. No one did. He then asked Council if anyone wished to discuss any of the items. Councilmember Seibert noted that he wished to remove Item H for discussion.

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**Motion** made by Councilmember Soriano; seconded by Councilmember Nehring to approve Items A-G and I-L. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).



**H. Approve Recommendation by Hearing Examiner for Rezone/Preliminary Plat; Palisades South.**

Councilmember Seibert has concerns regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas which states that "...the City Council held a public meeting. . ." He wanted to make sure that fulfilled a public meeting for this issue when it was only on the consent agenda. City Attorney Cheryl Beyers responded that a city council meeting met the criteria for a public meeting. Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson suggested not putting it on the consent agenda in the future. Councilmember Seibert concurred.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Wright; seconded by Councilmember Vaughan to approve Item H on the Consent Agenda regarding Palisades South. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**REVIEW BIDS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Cedarcrest Golf Course Annual Pass Recommendation.**

Mary Swenson explained that the ordinance that sets the rate for annual passes is adopted in ranges. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew announced that their recommendation is that as of February 1 the annual pass rate will be \$1400 plus tax (formerly \$1200) This will include restrictions from advance tee times on weekends and holidays and restrictions between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on weekends from May 1 – September 30. He added that the fee range in the ordinance went up to \$1500. Since this is under that limit, it would require no action by Council.

**LEGAL**

None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending MMC 2.50.040 and MMC 2.50.050 Relating to the Compensation of the Mayor and Council Members.**

Cheryl Beyer responded to a question posed by Councilmember Seibert at the last work session. She explained that the Council cannot control the Mayor since it violates state law. Councilmember Soriano asked if they needed to inform the Salary Commission about this ordinance. Mayor Kendall replied that they would get a copy when they meet. Councilmember Seibert asked about changing the \$50 per meeting amount. Mary Swenson explained that it would come back separately at a later date.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Wright; seconded by Councilmember Seibert to approve Ordinance 2559. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**B. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville Affirming the Decision of the Hearing Examiner and Rezoning Properties Owned by Peter Hegge Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City.**

**Motion** made by Councilmember Vaughan; seconded by Councilmember Nehring to approve Ordinance 2560. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**C. Resolution of the City of Marysville in Support of Improvements at the 116th Street NE / I-5 Interchange.**

Mayor Kendall explained that the resolution had been requested by the Tribes in order to get additional funding from the federal government on the 116th Street project.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Nehring; seconded by Councilmember Vares to authorize Resolution 2132 be signed by Mayor Kendall when the agreement for the 116th Street property can be completed. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Mayor's Business**

Mayor Kendall referred to a sample copy of a letter of support to legislators regarding the TEA bill.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Seibert; seconded by Councilmember Wright to authorize the Mayor to forward a letter of support for the reauthorization of the TEA bill. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **1. Logo Status.**

Doug Buell presented copies of the logo he created with descriptions of the graphical images. He reviewed the background of the logo selection process. Rusty George Design had brought three options to the City Council on October 25, 2004. The Council had asked them to go back to the drawing board and Doug Buell had taken the project on himself. He utilized the data that had been gathered during the original process to help him focus on a design. He had contacted members of the Image and Identity Committee to get their impressions of the logo. Their comments were included in a memo to Council.

Councilmember Nehring asked what the next step would be. Mary Swenson responded that the key people with overwhelming support have reviewed it and they are recommending moving it forward. Councilmember Vares gave her support of the logo and commended Mr. Buell for his efforts. Councilmember Seibert stated that it was a vast improvement over the other three.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Vares; seconded by Councilmember Phillips to recommend adoption of the logo. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

### **Staff Business**

**Jim Ballew** had no comments.

**Larry Larson** commented that it has been a very interesting winter - first ice and snow and now, flooding. His crews have been doing a great job. He thanked the City for the recognition of the Employee of the Month.

**Kevin Nielsen** reported that they are doing the consultant selection for the CIP program.

**Doug Buell** had no comments.

**Paul Roberts** thanked Kevin Nielsen and Larry Larson for their hard work. He stated that their efforts have made things much easier for him. He noted that he had copies of the BRAC report and some accompanying information for all councilmembers. He congratulated Gloria Hirashima who has worked extremely hard to get the draft Comprehensive Plan completed.

**Gloria Hirashima** reported that they have received notice from the Boundary Review Board regarding the Lakewood annexation and there were no problems. This will be coming back in February. Planning Commission will be holding their second meeting to discuss the CAO Ordinance on Tuesday, January 25. The

Comprehensive Plan / CAO hearing will be in March. There will be a Developer Meeting at 7 a.m. at Cedarcrest Restaurant.

**Jeff Seibert** referred to letters he has received from some developers. He asked about possible responses. Ms. Hirashima replied that copies of the City's responses would come to Council. He asked about letters from three property owners on 19<sup>th</sup> Street requesting annexation. Ms. Hirashima stated that the areas are not included in any of the City's alternatives and the chances would be small. She discussed how areas are prioritized for consideration of annexation.

**Cheryl Beyers** had no comments.

**Mary Swenson** asked councilmembers to get their codebooks in to be updated. She thanked them for considering the logo. She recognized Gloria Hirashima for her hard work on the Comprehensive Plan revision. It was a huge project and consumed every weekend for many months.

**Sandy Langdon** had no comments.

**Chief Carden** had no comments.

#### **Call on Councilmembers**

**Lisa Vares** commended Doug Buell for his work on the logo.

**Lee Phillips** had no comments.

**John Soriano** had no comments.

**Jon Nehring** had no comments.

#### **Jeff Seibert**

- Thanked Kevin Nielsen and Larry Larson for the job they have done. He noted that the Deep Water Outfall and State Avenue were completed while they were in charge.
- Thanked Gloria Hirashima for her work on the Comprehensive plan.
- Thanked Doug Buell for his work on the logo.
- Expressed a strong desire to move toward a paperless code and agenda. Doug Buell commented that it is possible to burn copies of the code onto CD's.

Donna Wright

- Announced that the Puget Sound Regional Growth Management Policy Board is considering expanding the area, which would include the Marysville area.
- Received a call regarding 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Sunnyside Hills. A street light is out. Larry Larson replied that they had not been notified of it, but it could be repaired within five days.
- Would like to attend the NLC in Washington DC in March. She requested reimbursement for a portion of the costs, noting she would be willing to pay her own airfare.

Mary Swenson added that there is money in the budget for travel. Councilmember Nehring commented that it would be nice to have others go, but she is usually the only one available. He said he would support reimbursement of the whole amount, including her airfare also. Mary Swenson stated that it was important to send the Mayor and a councilmember as representatives to major meetings. Lee Phillips expressed his support. Councilmember Vaughan agreed that it would be good to have a representative there. Councilmember Soriano was in support of sending Ms. Wright, noting that she is very community-minded. Councilmember Vares commented that she would approve the whole amount, but she would like to continue to have these requests come before Council.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Nehring; seconded by Councilmember Vaughan to approve Councilmember Wright's expenses to go to the National League of Cities. **Motion** passed unanimously (7-0).

**Mayor Kendall** announced that he would also be going to the NLC and the Public Transit Authority Commission's meeting in Washington D.C. at the same time. He will be gone on March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Jeff Vaughan** had no comments.

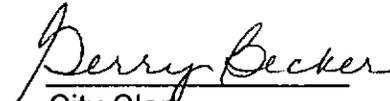
**Councilmember Seibert** added one more item from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Snohomish County is requesting an RFI from anybody interested in privatizing the transfer stations. Councilmember Vaughan asked if they knew of other places in the state that were doing that. Councilmember Seibert was not sure, but thought companies outside the state were. The County wants to make sure they are not missing something that might be important.

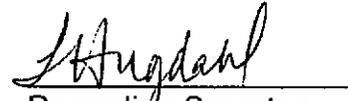
ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Mayor Kendall adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

  
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Mayor  
Dennis Kendall

  
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City Clerk  
Gerry Becker

  
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Recording Secretary  
Laurie Hugdahl

**ORIGINAL**

**MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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January 18, 2005

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dennis Kendall called the January 18, 2005 Work Session of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson called the roll. The following staff and council members were noted as being present.

**Mayor** Dennis Kendall

**Council:** Mayor Pro Tem Jon Nehring, Lee Phillips, Jeff Seibert, John Soriano, Lisa Vares, Jeff Vaughan and Donna Wright.

**Staff:** Mary Swenson, Chief Administrative Officer; Cheryl Beyer, City Attorney; Sandy Langdon, Finance Director; Paul Roberts, Public Works Director; Gloria Hirashima, Community Development Director; Jim Ballew, Parks and Recreation Director; Robert Carden, Police Chief; Kevin Nielsen, City Engineer; Doug Buell, Community Information Officer; Rob Lindsey, Cedarcrest Golf Course Manager; Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Kendall solicited committee reports.

Councilmember John Soriano noted that he attended the **Governmental Affairs** meeting and would have the summary ready for the next meeting.

Councilmember Jeff Vaughan reported on the **Parks Advisory Board** meeting held last week. They reviewed several current capital facilities projects. Topics discussed included:

- Possible opening day activities for Strawberry Fields.
- Update on the Waterfront Park.
- Comeford Park restrooms complete, but awaiting NEPA approval.
- Equipment for Jennings Park play area has arrived and will be installed in the spring.
- Parkside Way Park is near completion.
- Kiwanis Park will possibly be dedicated on Arbor Day in April.

- Received permit to place carp in golf course ponds for controlling vegetation.
- The Board voted to donate the totem pole to the Historical Society with some contingencies to be determined.
- Possible dog park at Jennings Park.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

#### OTHER ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 24, 2005 MEETING

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1. *January 10, 2004 City Council Meeting.*
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#### CONSENT

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There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

##### F. Accept Edward Springs Wells 1 and 3 Rehabilitation Project as Complete and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.

This item was removed from the agenda.

**G. Accept Effluent Transfer Pipeline - Contract A Project as Complete and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.**

There were no comments or questions regarding this item.

**H. Accept North Marysville Regional Stormwater Pond and Conveyance System Project as Complete and Begin 45-Day Lien Filing Period.**

Kevin Nielsen announced that they have had some applicants for the pond. He was pleased that people are beginning to hook up.

**I. Approve Recommendation by Hearing Examiner for Rezone/Preliminary Plat; Palisades South.**

Gloria Hirashima explained that this had been a Hearing Examiner decision on a planned residential rezone. It has qualified for several bonus lots. One of their proposed improvements was the dog park currently under consideration by the Parks Advisory Board. In the event that the dog park is not feasible, another park improvement will be discussed.

**J. Approval of Rock Creek (aka, Cedar Ridge) Final Plat Amendment.**

Gloria Hirashima announced that this is complete and ready for approval. There have been no requests for a hearing. Final plat has been approved. The applicant is proposing a plat amendment. Councilmember Seibert asked about the trail. Ms. Hirashima responded that it has already been constructed, but they may just be asking for the easement.

**K. Authorize Mayor to Sign Jail Management System Lease/Purchase and Maintenance Agreement; DSSI.**

Chief Carden explained that the software management program interfaces with the system currently in use. Councilmember Vaughan asked if it would be able to migrate the data from Montage. Chief Carden said that it could be fully integrated. Finance Director Sandy Langdon added that this is badly needed and the IT staff will be pleased. Councilmember Seibert asked about the maintenance agreement. Ms. Langdon explained that it was standard language.

**L. Approval of Allen Creek Baptist Church Annexation - 60% Annexation Petition.**

Gloria Hirashima reviewed the parcel under consideration. There were no comments or questions from Council.

**REVIEW BIDS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. PEG/I-Net and Cable Programming Capital Needs**

Doug Buell presented the resolution submitted by the TV Advisory Committee. The purpose of the resolution was "to affirm support for continuation of the PEG/I-Net fee assessed to residential cable subscribers within Marysville city limits, which provides capital funding support to meet evolving cable and fiber optics-based information technology needs."

Councilmember Jeff Seibert requested further information regarding the spending policies. Mary Swenson indicated that would be coming soon. Mr. Seibert commented that he questioned the initial intention of taking the \$1 fee. His understanding was that it was to be used for the construction of the I-Net. Doug Buell explained that the dollar fee was based either on the access channel or the I-Net side of things. The I-Net was of more immediate importance at that time. Mary Swenson added that the dollar had been tied to the I-Net, but not necessarily only the I-Net. During the budget process there had been a lot of discussion about the allowable uses of this fee. Councilmember Seibert requested postponing this resolution until the policy discussion since his vote for the dollar was strictly for the construction of the I-Net.

Doug Buell explained that initially the dollar was used for capital needs for the channel. The PEG/I-Net fee is the way that Comcast prefers to handle paying for the needs of the channel. Mr. Seibert asked if a letter had been sent to Comcast outlining how the City plans to spend the funds. Mr. Buell responded that they are required to do that the first quarter of this year and a copy will be coming to Council at the same time.

Councilmember Lee Phillips noted that the purpose of the resolution was to affirm support for continuation of the PEG/I-Net fee. Part of the agreement is to use the dollar for I-Net and PEG fees. He asserted that the citizens deserve to see the benefit of this fee. One major benefit could be the televising of council meetings.

Councilmember Nehring noted that he wants to be cautious about how this is spent. He asked what money now is used for the TV station. He had thought that everybody would be able to access the channel. Mary Swenson explained that several different cable systems had come under the umbrella of Comcast. The cable upgrade allowed the entire city the possibility to receive the local public access channel. The connectivity between City buildings has been completed. Keeping equipment current for the cable channel is also a priority. She reviewed how in prior negotiations, the cable company simply provided an amount to the City. This had changed to the dollar fee because of some litigation that had occurred. There was significant discussion about how these funds should be utilized. Mr. Nehring suggested looking at how surrounding communities are handling this.

Councilmember Seibert commented that when they voted on the dollar fee for the I-Net they had the impression that the fee would end when the I-Net construction costs were paid. Councilmember Lisa Vares voiced support for Councilmember Seibert's request to revisit the policy. She asked why Comcast has gone away from the dollar fee to 25 cents. She noted that she had been against this in the first place because she felt it was a hidden tax. She added that the dollar was sold to Council as necessary for economic development.

Councilmember Phillips stated that he was supportive of tabling this for a later discussion. He noted that the dollar was not needed if the City only wanted to maintain a bulletin board on the channel. It would benefit economic development by helping to provide a positive image for the community. Councilmember Seibert stated that he understood the desire to do something with the channel, but doesn't see a local TV channel as something that most citizens are really looking for. He suggested getting sponsorship for the channel. Councilmember Phillips explained why that was not possible since it is a government access channel.

There was consensus to table this discussion until the first cycle in March.

#### **B. New Jail Services Contract with Snohomish County Jail.**

Chief Carden reviewed the Agreement for Jail Services with Snohomish County Jail to house prisoners at Level II. Under the Agreement the City agrees to use a minimum of 1,460 bed days per year. These will come from the collective inmate populations of Marysville, Lake Stevens and Arlington. The expense will be divided between those cities. Mary Swenson commended the group for working hard to come up with this compromise.

### C. Cedarcrest Golf Course Operations Status Report.

Mary Swenson thanked the audience members for coming. There were a significant number of golfers in the audience. She stated that the City is simply not breaking even with the golf course and it is costing the City money each year. Some of the reasons are that play is down and there is saturation with other golf courses in the area. The golf course has an annual deficit of approximately \$250,000, which is being contributed by the City annually. The total debt service for the golf course annually is \$527,735 due to the renovation. The rounds have been steady, but this is due to heavy discounting.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew reviewed the history of the golf course that was purchased in 1971 with a combination of grants and City money. In 1988, a new maintenance building was constructed. In 1996, the course was renovated. In 2001, there was a new pro-shop and restaurant. Prior to this time the pro-shop and concessions had been leased to a private company. City staff has always performed grounds maintenance. In 2000, the City hired a golf course manager. In 2002, the restaurant was leased to NW Golf Inc. who terminated the agreement early leaving \$30,000 unpaid to the City. In 2003, the restaurant was leased to the Cedarcrest Family Restaurant and Grill on a 5-year lease. Staffing includes a manager, a lead worker, three maintenance workers, a mechanic, four seasonal maintenance workers and four pro-shop attendants.

Sandy Langdon discussed the financial state of the golf course. She reviewed the debt and recent financial performance in detail on a PowerPoint presentation. Councilmember Seibert noted that without the debt service, the revenue was above the expenses. It is the debt service that is putting the golf course in such a bad position. Ms. Langdon discussed this and noted that they could not refinance until 2007. She reviewed the financial outlook, which shows the fund balance steadily decreasing to almost \$-2M in 2007.

Councilmember Nehring asked about the decrease by 2,600 in annual rounds last year. He wondered how they knew that this was due to discounts. Mr. Ballew explained that they had been trying to attract people back to the local course with discounts and programs. There was discussion about how most local courses are competing dramatically to attract business. This has been detrimental for most of the courses.

Councilmember Nehring asked about capacity and how they arrive at a formula/model for the discounting. Golf Course Manager Rob Lindsey discussed how the northwest is unique because of the fact that golfing is weather-driven. He noted that the model is almost week-to-week. Jim Ballew commented on the high cost of advertising. Councilmember Nehring asked if it was even worth having it open during the lowest times of the week. Mr. Lindsey responded that there costs

were pretty steady whether or not they were open and they never knew what the weather was going to do.

Mary Swenson addressed alternatives to consider:

- Continue to subsidize the golf course
- Explore alternatives to a golf course operation
- Implement operation changes

She noted that several alternatives have been discussed and require more in-depth analysis. Some of these are the Equipment Repair and Replacement Fund (ER&R) and marketing. The benefits of continuing to subsidize the golf course are that it would keep the course open to the public, would preserve the future options for the course property, would generate revenues and partially offset annual debt. The downside of continuing to subsidize are that it requires ongoing general fund subsidization and there is a saturation of golf courses in the area. She stated that staff is recommending that 2005 be a study year in order to make the best decision regarding the golf course. There was a suggestion to have a committee to look at options. Ms. Swenson noted that they want to do everything possible to keep the course operational.

Councilmember Nehring commented that he supported the idea of a committee. He asked about a timeline. Mayor Kendall suggested bringing this back the second cycle in February so there would be time to advertise. Councilmember Nehring stated that he was not comfortable getting too far into the year without a plan. Mayor Kendall and Ms. Swenson concurred. Councilmember Donna Wright suggested calling it a task force rather than a committee.

Councilmember Seibert asked if the enterprise fund owned the golf course. Ms. Langdon stated that it does. There was some discussion of the ramifications of that if the City were to sell the course. He commented that it might be a better investment to hold onto it since the value will only go up.

Jim Ballew commented that Everett is going through the same process and will be sharing good data. He noted that other courses in the area are also seriously struggling. Councilmember Vaughan suggested teaming up with other golf courses to share personnel or equipment. Mr. Ballew thought there might be a possibility that this could work with specialized equipment. Personnel might be more difficult. He noted that the staff has done an amazing job of keeping up the course with limited resources. Mary Swenson emphasized the dedication and skill of the employees at the golf course. Mr. Ballew added that the Parks staff has really worked together to help out the golf course as well.

Councilmember Vaughan suggested utilizing something like a ski patrol that donates time in exchange for a pass. Mr. Ballew responded that they utilize player

assistants who help out in exchange for golf, but they are very cautious because of liability.

Councilmember Vares inquired about the Pro Shop numbers. Mayor Kendall replied that they are still waiting for those.

This topic is scheduled to come back in the second cycle in February with a specific budget plan.

#### **D. Cedarcrest Golf Course Annual Pass Recommendation.**

Mary Swenson explained that a decision had been made to eliminate the annual pass. This had been extremely frustrating for the Men's Club and other pass holders. Staff has decided to re-institute the pass for this year and to continue to study the issue. The recommended amount is \$1,600 plus tax. They may also look at some primetime restrictions. The Men's Club has concerns about restrictions, but they are willing to pay additional money. Ms. Swenson suggested lowering the recommended amount to \$1,500 fee, which includes tax for the pass. Mr. Ballew reviewed 2005 annual pass comparisons with surrounding communities.

There was a suggestion to have some mechanism to allow pass holders to play on the weekend primetimes if no one else has reserved it. Mr. Ballew noted that they would need to look at that. Councilmember Seibert echoed frustration about not being aware of the elimination of the annual pass. Councilmember Nehring asked about the number of annual passes sold last year and the projections for this year. Ms. Swenson indicated they were not sure what to expect this year. Many are waiting to see what happens, but some have already left.

#### **LEGAL**

None.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

##### **A. An Ordinance of the City of Marysville, Washington Amending MMC 2.50.040 and MMC 2.50.050 Relating to the Compensation Of the Mayor and Council Members.**

Councilmember Seibert suggested a code amendment to place restrictions on prolonged absences of a mayor. City Attorney Cheryl Beyer explained that the mayor is not subject to some of the same restrictions as councilmembers; however she would make a note to Grant Weed to research restrictions about extended leave for the mayor.

Councilmember Seibert then suggested reviewing the per diem amount for travel. Ms. Swenson explained that this was a separate ordinance. There was consensus that this should be reviewed.

Councilmember Seibert then suggested changing the rate per day and lowering the number of meetings per month. There was general agreement to look at that.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Mayor's Business

Mayor Kendall requested that any comments regarding job descriptions be turned in soon.

### Staff Business

**Gloria Hirashima** noted that she would have an update regarding Lakewood at the next meeting. There will be a Developers Breakfast at Cedarcrest Restaurant next Wednesday morning.

**Jim Ballew** noted that there would be a Facilities Committee meeting on Monday at 4:00 p.m.

**Doug Buell** noted that:

1. The 2005 Visitors' Guide is in production and should be ready soon.
2. He will be attending the SnoGold Steering Committee to prepare for the 2010 Winter Olympics.
3. Mayor Kendall will be delivering his State of the City address next Friday at the Chamber Breakfast meeting.

*Councilmembers Vares and Wright left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.*

**Cheryl Beyers** had no comments.

**Paul Roberts** commented that they are paying close attention to the flood watches. He attended a good meeting in Washington D.C. regarding base closures. The Mayor commented that he will also be going to Washington D.C. on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Swenson** noted that she would need a five-minute Executive Session.

**Sandy Langdon** reminded Council of a Finance Committee meeting at 4:30 pm.

### Call on Councilmembers

**Jeff Seibert** asked if the park behind Sunnyside was done. Mr. Ballew responded that it was not. There is a substantial punch list remaining, but they hope to complete it by spring. Mr. Seibert then suggested reviewing the process for putting something on the agenda.

**Jon Nehring** suggested discussing the reserve policy. Ms. Swenson indicated this would be coming back this quarter. Mr. Nehring then asked about the logo. Doug Buell responded that he is getting them to the Image and Identity Committee members right now. Mr. Nehring stated that he had a couple of items for Executive Session.

**Lee Phillips** had no comments.

**John Soriano** had no comments.

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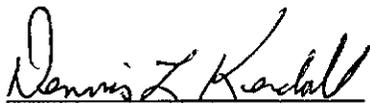
### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kendall recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 9:25 pm. Executive Session was expected to resume at 9:30 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met in Executive Session at 9:30 p.m., discussed real estate and personnel issues; reconvened into regular session at 9:40 p.m., took no further action and adjourned.

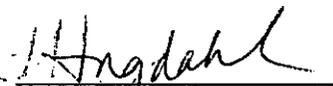
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